ImmunoPursuit

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Welcome to the immunology battle ground! Your body has a fierce army of highly trained specialists to destroy any germs that dare try and infect you!

Hidden behind the fortress of your skin are frightening phagocytes waiting to swallow germs whole and brutal bacteria slaying B cells! Amazing antibodies fearlessly reveal invaders to the immune system authorities and vigorous vaccines train your body so the germs don’t stand a chance!

Is your knowledge of this secret struggle enough to conquer your components, in the race for ImmunoPie?

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## Rules

- Role the dice
- Answer a question on one of the following topics

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- If you answer correctly collect a piece of pie in the corresponding colour
- The first player to build a pie with slices in all 6 colours wins
Q. In 1988 which vaccine was combined to replace three separate vaccines in the UK?
Q. Why are oral treatments (e.g. antibiotics) of cholera rarely effective?
A. Rapidly flushed from the intestines by diarrhoea that is symptomatic of the disease
Q. Why is it important to have few side effects to a vaccination?
Vaccination

A. Unpleasant side effects discourage people from being vaccinated
Q. Why is passive immunity not as long lasting as active immunity?
Vaccination

A. The individual is not producing the antibodies themselves; therefore they are not replaced when they are broken down in the body.
Q. What is active immunity?
A. The stimulation and production of antibodies by the individual's own immune system

Vaccination
Q. What is the term that describes the protective effect of vaccinating the majority of the population?
Vaccination

A. Herd immunity
Q. What is immunity?
Vaccination

A. The ability of an organism to resist infection
Vaccination

Q. Which type of immunity is longer lasting, passive or active?
A. Active
Q. True or False?

Individuals may develop a disease immediately after vaccination but before there immunity levels are high enough to prevent it?
Vaccination

A. True
Q. What is an attenuated vaccine?
Vaccination

A. A vaccine created by reducing the virulence of a pathogen, but still keeping it viable or alive.
Q. What is passive immunity?
A. The introduction of antibodies, from an external source into an individual
Q. What does MMR stand for?
Vaccination

A. Measles, mumps and rubella.
Q. MMR vaccine was wrongly suggested to increase the incidence of which disorder?
Vaccination

A. Autism
Q. Why is it difficult to develop a vaccine against certain diseases such as cholera?
A. The antigens of the pathogen change rapidly (antigenic variability).
Vaccination

Q. True or false?

The increase in HIV infection has lead to more people with impaired immune systems. This makes them more likely to contract tuberculosis.
Vaccination

A. True
Q. What type of immunity does vaccination develop towards a pathogen?
A. Adaptive
Q. What is called when pathogens frequently mutate and change their antigens?
Vaccination

A. Antigenic variability
Q. Give an example of a common pathogen that has a high rate of antigenic variability.
A. Influenza virus, common cold virus
Q. Give an example of a pathogen that is able to "hide" from the body’s immune system to avoid detection.
Vaccination

A. Cholera, salmonella, malaria parasite
Q. Which disease was the first vaccine developed for?
Vaccination

A. Smallpox
Q. Why is it difficult to develop a vaccine against certain diseases such as cholera?
Vaccination

A. High levels of antigenic variability
Q. True or False? Monoclonal antibodies can be used to "knock out" specific T cells that cause rejection of transplanted organ.
Antibodies

A. True
Q. Which cells synthesise antibodies?
Antibodies

A. B cells
Q. How many polypeptide chains make up an antibody?
Antibodies

A. 4
Q. What are antibodies made of?
Antibodies

A. Protein
Q. Name one of the scientists involved in developing the method for the production of monoclonal antibodies?
Antibodies

A. Cesar Milstein or Georges Kohler
Q. In which region is the binding site on the antibody located?
Antibodies

A. The variable region
Q. What is the complex formed by an antibody binding to antigen called?
A. Antigen – antibody complex
Q. In which year was a method for the production of monoclonal antibodies developed?
Antibodies

A. 1975
Q. Name one of the pairs of chains that make up antibodies.
Antibodies

A. Heavy or light chains
Q. What is the name of the region on an antibody that binds to receptors on cells?
A. Constant region
Q. True or False?
Antibodies are very specific; each antigen has its own individual antibody.
Antibodies

A. True
Q. What is the name of the method that uses antibodies to calculate the amount of a substance in a mixture?
Antibodies

A. Immunoassay
Q. True or False?
Transgenic mice can be used to eliminate the need for humanisation of antibodies.
Antibodies

A. True
Q. What is a group of antibodies with specificity for a variety of different antigens known as?
A. Polyclonal antibodies
Q. Which type of cells are used to produce monoclonal antibodies?
Antibodies

A. Cells that divide readily / cancer cells
Q. Name one reason why it is so difficult to produce monoclonal antibodies from B cells?
A. B cells are short lived and will only divide inside a living organism.
Q. What is a group of antibodies with specificity for only one antigen known as?
A. Monoclonal antibodies
Q. From which organ in the mice are the polyclonal antibodies extracted during the monoclonal production process?
Antibodies

A. Spleen
Q. Which letter of the alphabet best describes an antibody’s shape?
Antibodies

A. Y
Q. Which part of the pathogen do B cells take up?
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. Surface antigens
Q. How do the secreted antibodies destroy the pathogen?
A. They attach to the antigens present on the pathogens surface
Q. Approximately how long do memory cells live for?
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. Decades
Q. When memory cells encounter the same antigen for a second time, they divide and develop into which kind of cells?
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. Plasma cells and more memory cells
Q. Where in the B cells are the antibodies synthesised?
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. Endoplasmic reticulum
Q. True or False?
When a B cell divides by mitosis it creates a clone of itself.
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. True
Q. True or False?
Another word for bodily fluids is ‘humour’.
A. True
Q. Fill the gap.
Antigen which has been taken up and expressed on the B cell surface is known as ........ antigen.
Q. Fill the gap.
Antigen which has been taken up and expressed on the B cell surface is known as .......... antigen.
Q. Fill the gap.
Antigen which has been taken up and expressed on the B cell surface is known as ........ antigen.
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. Processed
Q. True or False?

B cells with the appropriate antibody to bind to antigens of pathogens are not produced in response to the pathogen. They are present from birth.
A. True, they are present, they simply multiply in response to the pathogen.
Q. True or False?
Antibodies are NOT soluble in blood and tissue fluid.
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. False
Q. How are T helper cells activated?
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. By binding to the processed antigens on the B cells.
Q. Fill the gap. Memory cells provide long-term immunity against the original infection, this is known as ...............
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. Secondary immune response
Q. True or False? Memory cells can secrete antibody directly.
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. False
Q. True or False?
Pathogens only express one antigen specific to them?
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. False
Q. Each different type of B cell is able to produce antibody that is specific for how many antigens.
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. One
Q. Roughly how many different types of B cells are there?
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. 10 million
Q. Approximately how many antibody molecules can one plasma B cell make in one second?
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. 2000
Q. Approximately how long do plasma B cells live for?
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. A few days
Q. True or False?
Plasma B cells secrete antibody directly.
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. True
Q. Fill the gap.

Plasma cells are responsible for the specific defence of the body against infection. This is known as the ..................................................
B cells and Humoral immunity

A. Memory immune response
Q. Where are T cells formed?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. Bone marrow
Q. Where do B cells form and mature?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. In the bone marrow
Q. What type of immunity is the body’s initial response to infection?
A. Non-specific
Q. What are antigens usually made from?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. Protein
Q. What are the two types of lymphocytes involved in specific immune responses?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. B and T cells
Q. True or False?
Cancer cells cannot present antigen on their cell-surface membranes.
Q. False
Q. What name is given to molecules that trigger the production of an antibody?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. Antigen
Q. What are both B and T cells formed from?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. Stem cells
Q. True or False?

T cell receptors can recognise multiple different antigens.
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. False
Q. Why do T cells respond to transplanted material?
Q. Because these cells are genetically different from the body's own cells
Q. Against which type of pathogen are most T cells most effective?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. Viruses
Q. True or False?
Viruses need living cells in which to reproduce.
A. True
Q. T cells kill infected cells by making holes in their cell membrane, why is this bad for the cell?
A. The cell becomes permeable to all substances and dies as a result.
Q. True or False?
T cells can produce memory cells that circulate in the blood and tissue fluid in readiness to respond to a future infection.
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. True
Q. How do T cells kill cells that are infected by pathogens?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. They produce a protein that makes holes in the surface membrane.
Q. T cells can stimulate increased cell division in which other cell type?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. B cells
Q. When T cells divide, what type of division do they use?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. Mitosis
Q. What is present on the T cell’s surface that recognises antigens?
A. T cell receptors
Q. What is the name of cells that present antigens on their cell surface?
A. Antigen-presenting cells
Q. Where do T cells mature?
T cells and cell mediated immunity

A. In the thymus gland
Q. Cell mediated responses involve which type of lymphocyte?
Defence Mechanisms

A. T lymphocytes
Q. Humoral responses involve which type of lymphocyte?
Defence Mechanisms

A. B lymphocytes
Q. Choose the correct word. Measles is a highly infectious **viral/fungal disease.**
Defence Mechanisms

A. Viral
Q. True or False?
Specific immune responses are fast but don’t provide long lasting immunity.
Defence Mechanisms

A. False
Q. True or False?
Non-specific mechanisms respond to all the pathogens in the same way.
A. True
Q. The body uses physical barriers to help prevent infection. Are these parts of the specific or non-specific type of immune system?
Defence Mechanisms

A. Non-specific
Q. Phagocytosis forms part of which type of immune response?
Defence Mechanisms

A. Non-specific
Q. Fill the gap. There are probably around ...... million different lymphocytes, each capable of recognising a different chemical shape.
Defence Mechanisms

A. 10
Q. What happens when a pathogen overwhelms the individual's defence mechanisms?
Defence Mechanisms

A. They die
Q. Fill the gap.
A disease, in effect, is a interaction between a .......... and the body’s various defence mechanisms.
Defence Mechanisms

A. Pathogen
Q. True or False?
Specific lymphocytes are not produced by an infection, but already exist.
Defence Mechanisms

A. True
Q. Name a group of people who are more vulnerable to infection.
Defence Mechanisms

A. Young, elderly or those in ill health.
Q. True or False?
Non-specific responses are immediate and the same for all pathogens.
Defence Mechanisms

A. True
Q. Fill the gap.

Lymphocytes recognise pathogens because a protein on their surface is ....... to one of the proteins on the pathogen.
A. Complementary
Q. Why is infection in a foetus rare?
Defence Mechanisms

A. It is protected by the mother/placenta
Q. What happens to lymphocytes that express receptors which fit exactly with those of the body’s own cells?
Defence Mechanisms

A. They die or are suppressed
Q. What is the name given to the time that it takes the immune system to build up a response against an infection?
Defence Mechanisms

A. Lag time
Q. Is mucus a chemical or physical barrier to infection, or both?
Defence Mechanisms

A. Both
Q. Despite various barriers, pathogens still frequently gain entry to the body. What is the next line of defence?
A. Non-specific immune response
Q. What would happen if lymphocytes could not recognise "self" from "non-self"?
A. The lymphocytes would destroy the organism’s own tissues.
Q. What is the name of the enzyme that can break down the cell wall of bacteria?
A. Lysozyme
Q. What does the phagocyte do with the breakdown products of the pathogen?
Phagocytosis

A. It absorbs them
Q. When a phagocyte engulfs the pathogen, it forms a vesicle, what is this vesicle called?
A. Phagosome
Q. What is it called when cells engulf and break down pathogens?
A. Phagocytosis
Q. What effect does histamine have on the blood vessels?
Phagocytosis

A. Causes them to dilate
Q. Name one thing that is found in pus.
Phagocytosis

A. Pathogen or phagocytosis
Q. How does mucus protect against invading pathogen?
A. They get trapped inside/stuck to the mucus
Q. Fill in the gap.
A phagocyte moves towards a pathogen along a ............ gradient.
A. Concentration
Q. Which compound aids in the dilation of blood vessels?
A. Histamine
Q. During inflammation blood vessels dilate, why is this beneficial?
A. Speeds up delivery of phagocytes to site of infection.
Q. What from the pathogen acts as an attractant, causing the phagocytes to move towards them?
A. Chemical products or chemoattractants
Q. What is the name of the acid in your stomach?
Phagocytosis

A. Hydrochloric acid
Q. What is the name of the cells that ingest and destroy pathogens?
A. Phagocytes
Q. Fill in the gap.
The acid in your stomach has a ...... pH.
Phagocytosis

A. low
Q. What is the role of lysosomes?
Phagocytosis

A. To break down the pathogen.
Q. What do lysosomes contain?
A. Lytic enzymes
Q. Fill in the gap.
Phagocytosis causes ............ at the site of infection.
A. Inflammation
Q. What is the body’s main physical barrier?
Phagocytosis

A. Skin
Q. What can epithelia be covered with to help prevent pathogens gaining entry to the body?
A. Mucus